

FIRE WARPED THE STEEL SHOT TOWER.

Flames Damage the Markle Lead
Works at Granite City, Ill., One
Hundred Thousand Dollars.

EXCESSIVE HEAT CAUSED IT.

Blaze Is Believed to Have Started
in the Main Tempering Room
—The Tower Is Two Hun-
dred Feet High.

Fire in the target factory and tempering
department of the Markle Shot Tower and
Lead Works at Granite City, Ill., com-
pletely wrecked all but the fireproof tower
last night, and that was badly warped.
The loss is estimated at \$100,000, partially
covered by insurance.

On account of the inaccessibility of the
200-foot tower, difficulties innumerable were
experienced in fighting the blaze, the light
from which could be seen for miles. Ex-
cessive heat in the tempering departments,
where the men had been working overtime,
is believed to have caused the fire.

Shortly before 7 o'clock the employees
fled out of the works, all anxious to get
home after an arduous day's labor. Within
twenty minutes from the time of their de-
parture Night Watchman George Chamber-
lain detected a blaze of light from the main
tempering room. He rushed there, only to
retrace his steps the next moment, as an in-
vestigation showed that the whole depart-
ment was a mass of flames. Making his way
to the engine-room, he pulled open a steam
whistle valve. The fire below the boiler
were almost out, but there was enough
steam to produce an alarm, and in a short
time three volunteer fire departments, one
from each of the Illinois Tri-Cities, arrived
to do battle with the flames.

The plant filled rapidly with smoke and
that increased the excitement. Streams of
water sizzled over the molten lead in the
burning factory, and its quick conversion to
steam resulted in explosion after explosion.
As the heat increased the flames gradu-
ally spread to the fireproof tower. The tur-
ret was lapped and encircled by a lambent
sheet of solid fire. Darkness gave emphasis
to the light, and the pillar of color, towering
200 feet in the air, attracted the largest
crowd that ever responded to a fire alarm
in the Tri-Cities.

Six freight cars stood on a siding near the
factory, and as there was no engine to move
them before they became ignited all were
burned.
After the frame structures of the plant had
been consumed the volunteer firemen
succeeded in controlling the flames. The
tower, which had been burning for some
time, was in progress. He went at once
to Granite City and remained on the East
Side all night. About forty men will be
temporarily thrown out of employment
until the plant can be rebuilt.
The shot tower is a square steel struc-
ture 200 feet high.

MOTHER ADJUDGED INSANE.

Killed Her Son With Hatchet and
Said God Willed It So.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Effie
Cawthorn was today committed to the
Lyon's View Insane Asylum at Knoxville.
Several weeks ago she murdered her 17-
year-old son while he was asleep. She lit-
erally hacked him to death with a hatchet.
To-day she made the following written
statement to the court about her actions:
"Murder is prompted by a wicked heart,
not by a heart full of love. The act within
itself was horrible, but my motive was good.
God searches the heart. We can judge only
our own hearts; we cannot judge another's.
It was a hard fight for me to compel myself
to do the act with a heart so full of a
mother. No one will ever know but my
heavenly Father and me, but I did accom-
plish his will. I saved my child from more
death, with nothing but the conscience
of his assurance to sustain me. This is my
prayer, as in all things. His will be done. I
took the sin of this boy's parents on my
own soul to save him. He had no guilt."

THIEVES TWICE CAPTURED.

First Time They Disarmed Their
Captors and Escaped.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 17.—Members of the
Farmers' Protective Association to the num-
ber of 100 had a man-hunt in the eastern
part of this county this afternoon and suc-
ceeded in bagging five burglars, all well
armed, in a corn field, about half way be-
tween Easton and Bayfield.
The men are charged with robbing the
store of J. T. Roberts in Clarksville. Two
men tracked them to a straw stack near
town, where they had concealed themselves.
At the point of two Winchester, the gang
surrendered, but a few moments later re-
captured their captors and disarmed them.
Then the vigilantes were called out, and
Sheriff Hull of this city notified. Deputy
Jeff Carson was sent to Clarksville. The rob-
bers were again captured in a corn field
and taken to Mayville, where they were
lodged in jail.

NORTHCOTT GIVES A DINNER.

Lieutenant Governor Elect of Illi-
nois Entertains Friends.

Lieutenant Governor W. A. Northcott of
Illinois gave a dinner last night to fifteen
or twenty Illinois friends at the Platters
Hotel. The dinner was a quiet affair, and
the Lieutenant Governor was averse to any
newspaper notoriety in regard to the mat-
ter.

He has a large number of friends who
stood by him in the last nominating con-
vention, and I desired to thank them in a
fitting manner for their support," said he
last night. "It has no political significance
whatever and nothing to do with political
affairs, except as I have suggested."

It is rumored that the Lieutenant Gov-
ernor is preparing to assist in the distribu-
tion of patronage of the Governor's office
so soon as the Yates regime begins. The
dinner lasted until a late hour last night
and the Illinoisans immediately departed
for the other side of the river.

CZAR HAS A FAVORABLE DAY.

Official Bulletin Says Disease Is
Taking Regular Course.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—Another favor-
able bulletin on the subject of the czar's
health was issued this morning, as fol-
lows:
"Livadia, Nov. 17, 11 a. m.—The Emperor
passed a good day yesterday. He slept about
an hour. His 38th birthday anniversary dur-
ing the day was 100.5; pulse, 72.
"Last night the Emperor slept sufficient-
ly well. Temperature this morning, 100.5;
pulse, 70.
"His Majesty's general condition is good.
His illness is taking the regular course."

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Are essential to correct any inequality of
the eyes. You are sure to be properly fitted
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up; gold \$5 and up.

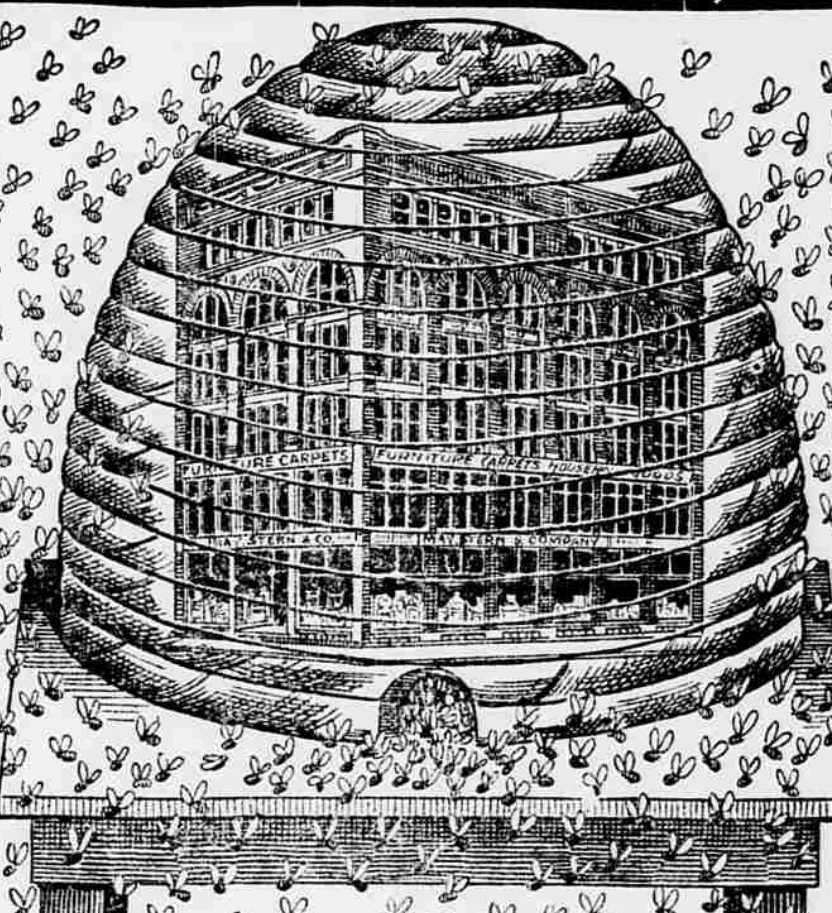
Opera Glasses, leather and pearl, \$2 to \$40.

ILLINOIS ELECTION RETURNS.

Outside of Cook County McKinley's
Plurality Is 78,423.

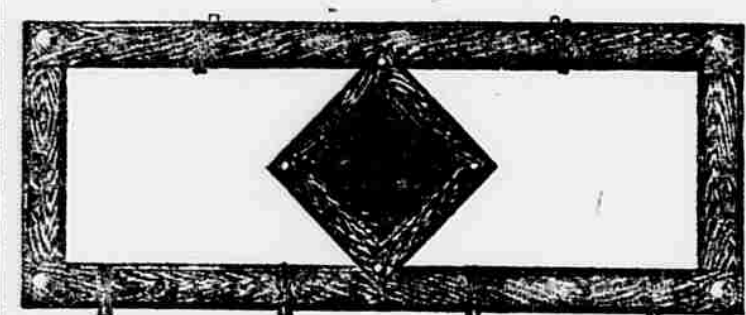
Springfield, Ill., Nov. 17.—The complete
official returns from Illinois, outside of
Cook County, give McKinley electors 281,
256; Bryan electors, 235,872. McKinley's plu-
rality is 8,382.
The returns complete on Governor, out-
side of Cook County, with the exception of
Douglas County, show Yates about 4,000 be-
hind McKinley.

A HIVE OF INDUSTRY

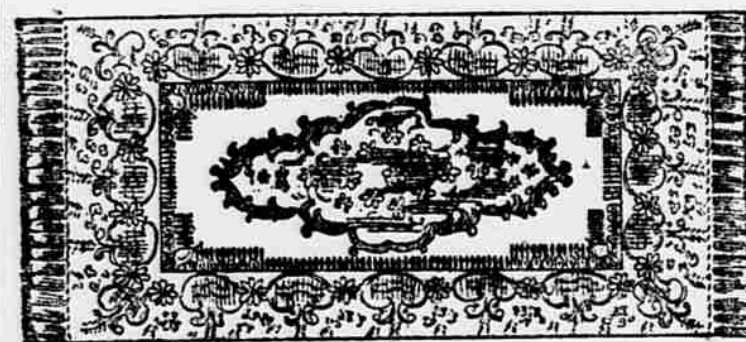


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Hanging Hat Racks, like cut, solid oak, with 6x6-inch mirror, This Week..... **75c**



Velvet Rugs, like cut, size 26x60 inches, beautiful designs, worth \$2.25, This Week, **98c**



\$2.50 CASH

And \$2.50 per month buys this elegant Steel Range, six holes, warming closet, duplex grate and large size oven (18 1/2 inches wide), manufactured by the CHARTER OAK STOVE AND RANGE CO. of this city. It's their new high-grade "Imperial." The factory price is \$50; our price, for this sale (all delivered and set up in your home),

Each **\$35.00**—Each



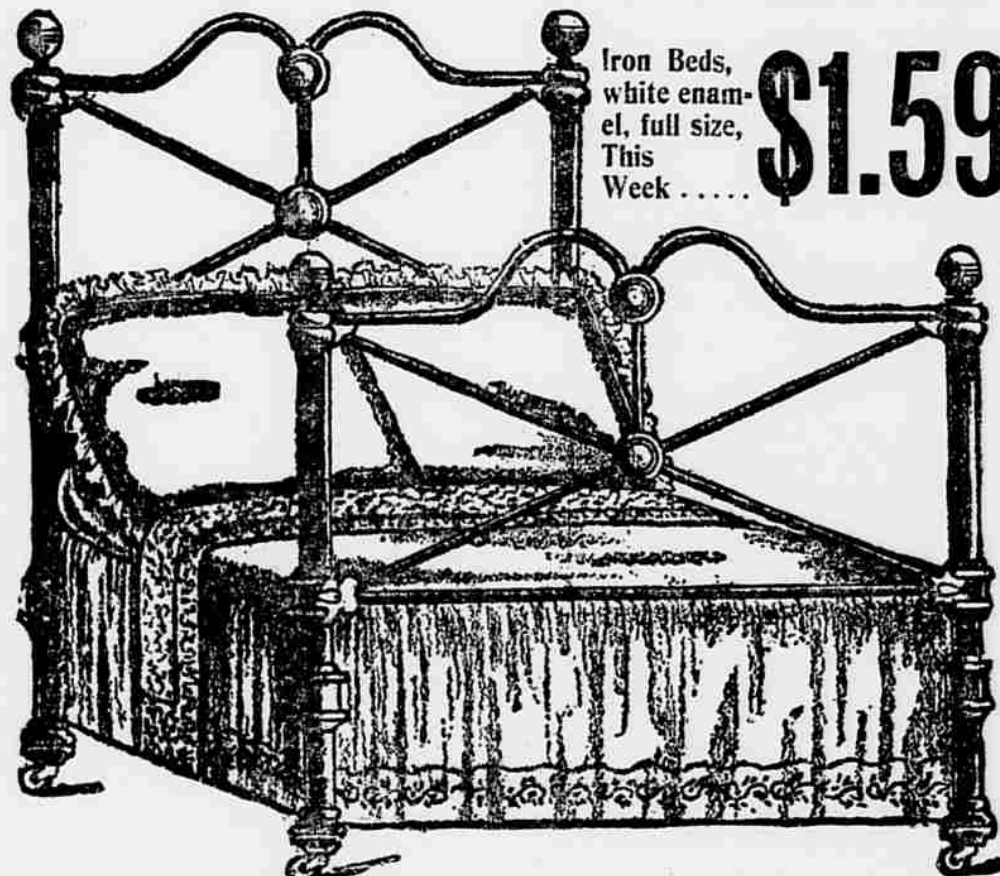
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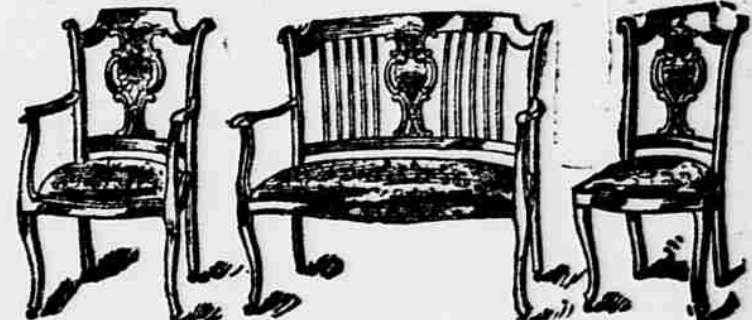
This week we will
sell 200 oak Heat-
ing Stoves, like
cut, worth \$8, for,

\$3.48

CASH
OR
CREDIT.



Iron Beds,
white enamel,
full size,
This
Week..... **\$1.59**



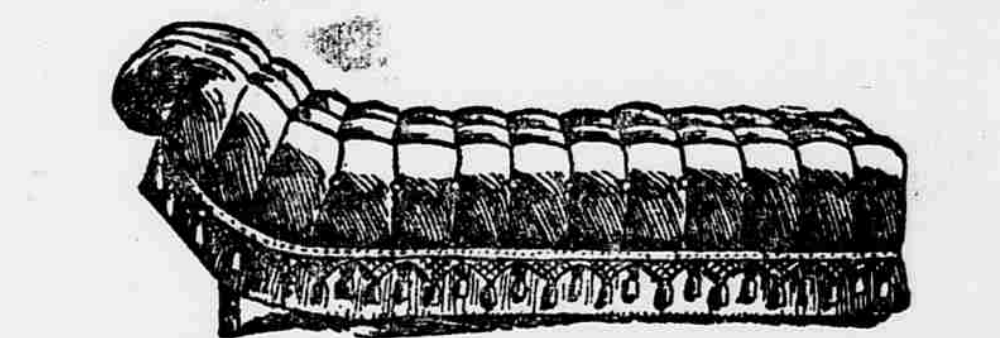
Three-piece Parlor Suits, like cut, mahogany finished frames, silk damask covering, This Week..... **\$16.00**



Bedroom Sets, like cut, golden finish, 20x24 mirror in dresser, This Week..... **\$11.75**



Child's Oak Cribs, like cut, with woven wire spring, This Week... **\$1.25**



SPECIAL BARGAINS IN COUCHES.

Velour Covered Couches, like cut, deep tufted, well made, worth \$6.75, This Week..... **\$4.75**

Roll Head Couches, large size, deep tufted velour covering, worth \$9.00, This Week..... **\$6.75**

WOMEN URGED MOB TO BURN PORTER.

Many Went to the Scene of Execu-
tion, but Left Before the
Cremation.

Limon, Colo., Nov. 17.—No inquest. It is
said, will be held over the remains of Pres-
ton Porter, Jr., the self-confessed murderer
of Louise Frost, who was burned at the
stake by a mob of men at Lake Station
last night. In fact, the coroner can find no
remains upon which to hold an inquest. A
few men remained last night at the spot
out on the prairie, where the murder was
committed and avenged, and renewed the
fire again and again, until every vestige of
the negro was gone. The iron rail to which
the victim was bound, will be left standing
as a warning to all inclined to deeds similar
to that for which young Porter's life was
taken. A mound of earth has been piled

around the iron rail and covering the ashes,
and it will remain as a monument in sight
of all passing trains.

It is estimated that 200 people witnessed
the execution. No women witnessed the
cremation, but many of them went to the
scene before the fire was lighted and re-
mained while the negro was led from car-
riage to carriage for inspection. The women
were a unit for burning.

NO STEPS TO PROSECUTE.
Denver, Colo., Nov. 17.—No steps have
been taken yet to prosecute any member of
the mob that burned young Porter at Limon
last night, and it is unlikely that any will
be taken. Governor Thomas refuses to ex-
press any opinion whatever in regard to the
affair.

A bill with this object in view is
now being drawn, and its advocates, it is
said, will make an aggressive fight for its
enactment at the coming session of the
Legislature. It may also make criminal

assault a capital crime.

The father and brother of the murderer
were released from the jail this morning.
They intend to return to their home at
Lawrence, Kas.

Mrs. Frost Intervened.
"Well, no other parents will suffer from
that brute's crimes."

These were the words of Mrs. Frost to-
day when asked for an expression on the
punishment of the negro who confessed that
he was the murderer of her child.
"Of course, I was not consulted as to the
punishment of the negro who confessed that
he was the murderer of her child," she con-
tinued. "I did not care, just so he was re-
moved from the face of the earth."
"Nothing can atone for the death of my
baby, but I did not have the feeling of re-
venge which so many people said ought to
possess me. My one thought was to save
there the pain we suffered. Whatever was
done with that brute was right, no matter
what. Certainly he did not suffer what
Louise did, and she was innocent, while
he was guilty. Maybe I would have some
pity were I not her mother. No one but a
parent of an outraged and murdered child
can know just how I feel."

"A great load has been lifted off us," said
she, "and, as for me, I don't care who con-
demns me for starting the blaze. No other
father will have to do what I did on ac-
count of that nigger, and, as I said before,
if the brute had been lynched for his first
offense in Kansas my baby would be alive
to-day, and our hearts would not be
broken."

CLAIMS THAT HE OWES HER \$34,500.

Angeline E. Pullis Sues William
Somerville, President of the
Missouri Glass Company.

Angeline E. Pullis filed suit yesterday
against William Somerville of No. 4301
Washington boulevard for \$34,500, which,
she alleges, he owes her. It is stated that
Somerville was custodian for a fund of \$3-
500 left by Jason Crawford, deceased, the
income of which was to be paid to his sis-
ter, Elizabeth Somerville, and at her death
the principal to go to the plaintiff, Eliza-
beth Somerville, died in 1882, and it is stated
that the plaintiff loaned the fund to the
defendant.

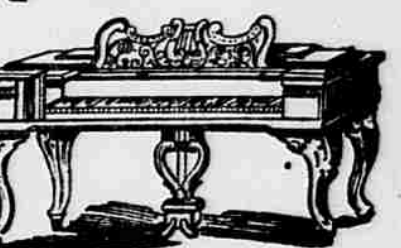
Mrs. Pullis also alleges that she loaned to
Mr. Somerville \$30,000, which she received
from two insurance companies, and \$2,000
which she received from a fraternal or-

ganization. She states that Mr. Somerville
made various payments to her, and that in
November, 1894, he rendered her an ac-
count of his indebtedness to her.
Mr. Somerville, who is president of the
Missouri Glass Company, was seen at his
residence last night. He stated that he
had been informed of the filing of the suit.
He admitted that there had been pecuniary
transactions between them, but stated that
the money which he held in trust for Mrs.
Pullis had all been paid her.
"Mrs. Pullis is making a mistake in say-
ing I owe her that sum," he said. "She is
a distant relative of mine, and about ten
years ago I did hold a sum of money in
trust for her. We also had some business
dealings, so far as my placing some money
for her is concerned, but all that I have
ever been responsible for has been repaid.
At no time did it approach the amount
stated. Mrs. Pullis has received from me
all that she is going to."

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A Christmas gift of a box of fine station-
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gram of the recipient is always useful and
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extremely low. We will give
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the balance, and no interest ever
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opinion by Justice Battle.
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Opinion handed down by Justice Wood.
Ex parte Thomas H. Busbee, application for
habeas corpus.
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from Crawford Circuit Court; argued orally for
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